Levy of taxes by local bodies on the Central Government buildings.

* 592 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have agreed to permit local bodies in the State to levy taxes on buildings belonging to the Central Government; and

(*b*) whether the State Government have been paying similar taxes to the local bodies?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The Central Government have agreed to pay taxes to local bodies only in respect of their buildings (other than railway buildings) which were taxed from before 1st April 1937 and in the case of Railway Buildings, they have accepted such liability from before 26th January 1950.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir, but there is no restriction with reference to dates as in the case of Central Government properties."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" May I ask for clarification about the date? The last portion of the answer was not intelligible to me."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" If the hon. Member wants further information, I shall give details explaining the position. But the question involves an amendment of the Constitution and the undertaking of legislation by the Central Government."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" What is the total quantum of taxes paid by the State Government to local bodies? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I want notice."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the amount of tax paid by the State Government for their buildings in the City of Madras to the Corporation of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" A separate question may be put."

Regeneration of forests in Tanjore district.

* 593 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted for Tanjore district from the amount given in item 123 at page 124 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55 for regeneration and afforestation of forests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rs. 8,100."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் காடு வளர்ப்பதற்காக என்னென்ன மரங்கள் வைத்து வளர்க்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The district to which the hon. Member belongs is endowed with paddy